



News & Reviews

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

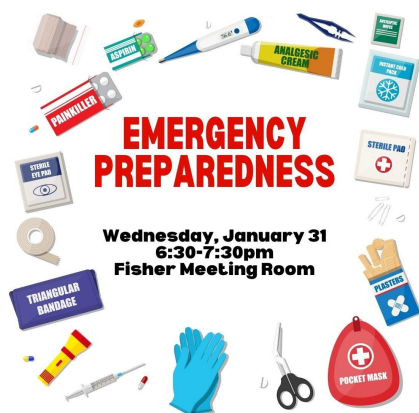
GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY, 1/27 FEATURES ISAAC GORDON TRAILS

Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is this Saturday, January – get outdoors, meet others, and enjoy the quiet beauty of the winter season as you explore the Isaac Gordon Nature Park Trails! This 30 minute, fairly easy hike is a mile long. The terrain is flat with some slight elevation gains. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather! We'll highlight the park's history, the observation deck, marsh animals we might come across, and the land's geological formations.



The hike begins at 8:30am. Participants will be contacted in advance and advised of the meeting place; a trail map and area information will be provided at the outset of the hike. Bring your *Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport* and get credit for hiking the trail!

The program is free but advance registration is required to receive the trail head meeting details and other information. Register online at www.townofpittsford.org/recreation or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Free downloadable/printable maps are also available in advance on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/trails_and_walkways.



MONROE COUNTY'S TIM HENRY TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AT LIBRARY ON JANUARY 31

Tim Henry, Monroe County Deputy Director of Public Safety & Emergency Management, will present "Emergency Preparedness," a discussion of how the County plans for responding to and recovering from any type of human-caused or natural disaster. Tim will talk about how each household can prepare for events that are most likely to occur here in Monroe County. "Emergency Preparedness" will take place on

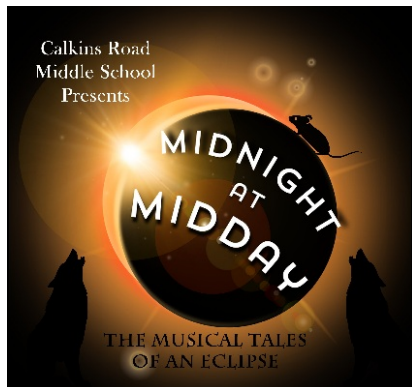
Wednesday, January 31 from 6:30-7:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call (585) 248-6275. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/library.

HISTORIC PITTSFORD PRESENTS A HISTORY OF PITTSFORD FARMS ON JANUARY 31

Historic Pittsford hosts former Village Mayor Bob Corby in a Zoom presentation on Wednesday, January 31 that explores the rich history of Pittsford Farms. Through historical photographs and maps, Bob Corby will guide you through the years of Pittsford Farms, which has played a prominent role in our community from its establishment in 1814 to the present day.



The farm today is protected by a permanent conservation easement and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The property has a particularly interesting history, including several prominent and colorful owners. Today the farm is operated by members of the Corby and Powers family and it continues to be part of what makes Pittsford unique. The event is free, but registration is required. Visit the [Historic Pittsford](#) website for more information and to register.



CALKINS ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS WORLD PREMIERE OF "MIDNIGHT AT MIDDAY: THE MUSICAL TALES OF AN ECLIPSE" FEBRUARY 1-3

Inspired by the upcoming April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse, this heartfelt script written by Calkins Road teacher John Beel tells the story of several strangers who meet at the moment of totality. It is rich with science and folklore from around the world. The music, by award-winning composer and Pittsford resident Casey Filiaci, features a dozen original songs

that capture the magic and mystery of the eclipse experience and the joy of human connection.

Show times for "Midnight at MIDDAY" are February 1 at 7:00pm, February 2 at 7:00pm, February at 2:07pm. The musical will be reprised April 6 at 7:00pm and April 7 at 2:07pm as a featured event of Rochester's Eclipse Celebration. Tickets cost \$10 and are being sold online at <https://crmsdramaclub.ludus.com> and at the door if seats are still available.

NEW EXHIBIT HONORS COMMUNITY CENTER NAMESAKE PAUL SPIEGEL

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is celebrating its namesake with a new exhibit located in the Community Center lobby. Paul Malone Spiegel (1920-2022) was a life-long Pittsford resident and our longest-serving Town Supervisor – holding office for 22 years, from 1966 to 1987. As our Town Supervisor, Paul Spiegel worked diligently to enhance the Pittsford

community while also carefully maintaining its historic character. He was a dedicated and highly effective public servant, a history scholar, and an avid collector, publisher and author of numerous books about Pittsford's history. His family roots in Pittsford reach back to the mid-1800s.

Paul Spiegel attended 1st through 12th grade at the Pittsford School – in the building that is now our Community Center. During his high school years, Mr. Spiegel began photographing and collecting pictures of old Pittsford and interviewing older residents of the Town and Village. A University of Rochester graduate, he completed course work for his Ph.D. in History at the University of Chicago before leaving to serve our country in combat for three years during World War II. During his service he was recognized multiple times for gallantry in action. When Mr. Spiegel returned home, he spent some time teaching history, made his initial career in the insurance business and, fortunately for Pittsford, chose to become involved in local government.



There were many impactful accomplishments during Mr. Spiegel's tenure as Town Supervisor. Through his efforts, the Town acquired the Lincoln Avenue School and transformed it into the Town's Community Center, which later was named in his honor. He expanded the Town's network of parks, adding Thornell Farm Park and Hopkins Park. He strengthened the Town's commitment to our Library, moving it from 21 North Main Street to a larger building at 24 State Street – a location that would in the future become the site of our current Pittsford Community Library. Upon retirement Paul Spiegel began chronicling Pittsford's history in earnest, through gathering newspaper accounts and via his own photo collection. His legacy encompasses the 36 volumes Mr. Spiegel wrote about Pittsford history, including his 5-volume "Pittsford Scrapbook" series of historic photos and his "Echoes of Old Pittsford" series of 31 volumes chronicling the news, people and places of Pittsford's history from 1879 through World War II. Some volumes are still available for purchase through Historic Pittsford.

The Spiegel family members have been an impactful part of the Pittsford community for over 160 years. Patrick Malone, Paul's maternal great-grandfather, served as Pittsford Town Supervisor in the 1860s and 1870s. Paul's paternal grandfather, Thomas Spiegel, was Town Supervisor from 1886-1887. Thomas also was a blacksmith and proprietor of a wagon shop at the Four Corners in Pittsford Village, not far from where Paul was born and raised at 6 Main Street.

The new exhibit on Paul Spiegel compliments the carriage on display in the Community Center lobby, which was manufactured in the Spiegel wagon shop and donated to the Town by the Spiegel family.

Paul Spiegel's steadfast commitment to and affection for Pittsford, its residents, and its history, was a treasured and respected constant over many decades. His love for Pittsford and his actions on its behalf have made a significant and lasting impact on our community. He is, most fittingly, the namesake of our Paul M. Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and he is one of Pittsford's most favorite sons.

View the Paul M. Spiegel exhibit at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. It will be on display through April of this year. For further information about the exhibit or any other Town history matters, contact Town Historian Vicki Masters Profitt by email at vprofitt@townofpittsford.org or by phone at (585) 248-6245. She holds office hours on Thursdays from 11:00am - 3:00pm or by appointment. The Town Historian's office is located in Room 114 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE FEBRUARY 4 – SUPPORT THOSE FREEZIN’ FOR A REASON!

The Rotary-sponsored Interact Clubs of Pittsford Mendon and Pittsford Sutherland High Schools are organizing a team to participate in Special Olympics' annual Polar Plunge fundraiser at Lake Ontario Beach Park on Sunday, February 4. This marks eleven years of "Freezin' for a Reason" to help transform the lives

of athletes in New York's Genesee Region. During that time, the clubs have raised more than \$43,000 supporting the good work of Special Olympics.

The name of this year's team is "Pittsford Plungers." Community members are invited to participate in the festivities as a "plunger," to volunteer, or to donate.

Registration/donation information may be found online at bit.ly/polar-plunge-2024-pittsford-plungers. For further information, contact Pat Mallery at pjmallery@aol.com. To learn more about Special Olympics NY, visit www.specialolympics-ny.org.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD WINTER BUCKET LIST AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD

"There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing." Alfred Wainright
Winter isn't quite half over, so there's still plenty opportunity to create and follow through with a winter bucket list. The best way to get through these dark months is to embrace all winter offers: the quiet beauty of a gentle snowfall, cozy blankets, hot chocolate, a roaring fire, and the ever-present chance you might get a snow day . . .

We've provided some ideas to help you and your family enjoy this season of rest. Use the link to see our [2024 Winter Bucket List](#). What would you add to the list?



2024 TOWN & COUNTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED – DUE 2/10

Pittsford Town residents: if your property taxes are not in escrow, you should have received your 2024 Town and County property tax bill in the mail by this time. If you have not received your bill, you can obtain a copy of your bill by:

1. Downloading and printing a copy directly from the [Monroe County website](#) OR
2. Calling the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 or emailing the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: townclerk@townofpittsford.org and they will email a copy of the bill to you

The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments are also accepted on or before February 10. Please be sure to read all the instructions and information written on the back of your bill carefully. ***Please include your payment coupon (page 2 of your tax bill) and a contact phone number on your check.*** Failure to do so increases processing time.

You can make your payment by:

- **Via mail** to: Renee McQuillen, Receiver, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534
- **In person** Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, **or through the mail slots** (into locked boxes) available 24/7, located at both the front and back entrances of Town Hall
 - For **cash payments**, we ask that you bring the exact amount and please call ahead for an appointment to ensure we have proper staffing
- **First Installments and full payments can also be made at Canandaigua National Bank**, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village through February 10, 2024
- **Online** through Monroe County by credit card or check debit. Please note there is a 2.75% fee to pay by credit card and a sliding scale fee to pay by check debit. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

As in the past we **strongly** advise that you do NOT pay your taxes by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late.

Please note: If you choose to pay your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office. If the payment is received past the deadline will be considered late and accrue interest penalties.

PITTSFORD PTSA CALLS FOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations due by February 12

The Pittsford PTSA invites Pittsford residents to recognize those special individuals who go above and beyond to support the students of Pittsford. Nominate teachers, staff, coaches, parents, community members, and Pittsford affiliates who have an established record of serving Pittsford's youth for the 2024 Pittsford PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award.

Award recipients are chosen by a committee of PTSA leaders from nominees submitted by the entire Pittsford community. Nominees must have demonstrated dedication to the youth of Pittsford in three categories:

- Volunteer efforts and/or significant contributions above and beyond normal position expectations over an extended period of time.
- Outstanding personal qualities that have enabled the nominee to serve as a role model for youth.
- Ongoing availability and willingness to serve the needs of youth, directly or in an administrative capacity.

To make a nomination and for more information, visit the Pittsford PTSA website at



pittsfordpts.net/lifemembershipaward. Nominations are due by February 12, 2024. A ceremony to honor recipients is scheduled for April 24, 2024.

SENIOR CENTER OPEN FOR EUCHRE, OPEN-PLAY CARDS, AND CANASTA

The Senior Center is open for card games on Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursday. Bring a friend, meet new people, and if you don't know how to play, learn in a friendly, welcoming environment! Card games are played at the Pittsford Community Center in room 113.

Senior Center Card Playing Schedule

Euchre: Mondays, 12:00-3:00pm

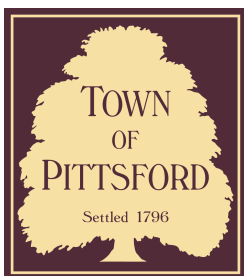
Cards: Open Play, 12:30-3:30pm

Canasta: Open Play, Thursdays, 12:00-3:00pm



For more information about senior card games, call Carlos at 248-6235. The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors [click here to visit the Seniors' page](#) on the Town website, [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

REMINDERS



TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE

Pittsford Town Board meetings are being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the [Town Board Meeting live streaming link](#) when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town's [minutes and agendas page](#) at least two days prior to the meeting. Please note: if you try to log in too early (before the meeting feed is live) you will see an error message; refresh your screen just prior to or at 6:00pm when the board meeting starts and you will be able to view the meeting. As always, ASL interpretation is provided for every Town Board meeting.

ASL INTERPRETER ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Pittsford has an American Sign Language interpreter available at every Pittsford Town Board meeting, to interpret for those who need this service. Those who can't attend a Town Board meeting in person but are planning to watch the meeting's live stream can confirm their need for the interpreter by emailing comments@townofpittsford.org. Requests can be made in advance or can be emailed through the first ten minutes of the meeting. An on-demand Town Board meeting video with closed captioning will be available within 48 hours of the meeting; visit www.townofpittsford.org/channel12 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- **Volunteer Fair at Pittsford Community Library** – learn about volunteer opportunities in Pittsford, Saturday, 1/20, 11:00am-1:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Sweetheart Dance](#) – children ages 5 to 13 can dance the night away, accompanied by an adult, Friday, 2/9, 6:30-9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; music and activities, advance registration required, \$20 per person, [more info and registration online](#) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – **comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via email and mail being accepted**; access the Comprehensive Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, the project timeline, a link to the Town’s current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Comments can be made to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org or mailed to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534; please indicate whether you are a Town or Village resident.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 1/25, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 2/4, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00am, Post 899, Pittsford Village Hall lower level, 21 North Main Street; open to all – meet and socialize with veterans; no charge but donations accepted. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; click this link for [membership information](#) or visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; meetings also can be accessed live via Zoom - check the Pittsford Rotary Facebook page for virtual meeting details
- [Women's Club of Pittsford](#) - charitable organization serving the community through service projects and civic improvement; membership is open to any woman living in Pittsford or the surrounding areas, new members always welcome! Meetings are usually held the second Thursday of the month, September through June, at 6:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; Visit the website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings (in person and online) featuring a guest artist; new members are welcome! The PAG also hosts juried and non-juried shows and displays artwork at various locations throughout Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit www.pittsfordartgroup.com and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

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